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WISDOM OR RIGHTEOUSNES  
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**K**ING SOLOMON, the WISEST, Wealthiest,  
and most POWERFUL MONARCH,  
that ever was, or ever will be, 2 Chron. 1. 12.  
DIVINELY Inspired. A ROYAL Preacher,  
Found out acceptable words, and that which  
was written, was upright, even words of truth,  
Ecc. 12. 10. Proclaims that "Wisdom is the Principal  
"thing," Prov. 4. 7. and that, Happy is the man that  
findeth Wisdom, and the man that getteth Under-  
standing, for the Merchandize of it is better than the  
Merchandize of silver, and the gain thereof than fine  
gold. She is more precious than Rubies, and all the  
things that can be desired, are not to be compared  
unto Her: Length of days is in her right hand, and  
in her left hand Riches and Honour: Her ways are  
ways of pleasantness, and all Her paths are peace:  
She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her; and  
Happy is every one that retaineth Her. Prov. 3. 13. 18.  
RIGHTEOUSNESS, Real, Vital, Practical Reli-  
gion, is very frequent in Holy writ, Illustrated under  
the Character of WISDOM, Particularly in the  
Proverbial Instructive Maxims of the WISE  
PRINCE of SUPERLATIVE Understanding,  
Prov. 1. ch. 2. ch. 3. 13. ch. 9. 10. ch. 10. 28. ch. 11. 5.  
ch. 13. 5. ch. 14. 29. ch. 15. 7. ch. 16. 13. ch. 16. 32.  
ch. 17. 27. ch. 21. 12. ch. 22. 11. ch. 23. 23. ch. 28. 7.  
ch. 24. 16. ch. 25. 11. ch. 27. 12. ch. 31. 20. 26. —

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The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom :  
**A GOOD** understanding have all they that Do  
 His Commandments, Psal. 111. 10. The Grand  
**CAUSE** is, because it is the greatest Improve-  
 ment of the **REASON** Almighty God implanted in  
 Mankind, which is the Excellency, Dignity, and  
 Ornament of Human Nature, Which Distinguishes  
**THEM** from the other part of the Creation  
 in this **WORLD**; which Resembles the Angelic  
 Host, for **GOD** made man but a little lower than  
 the Angels, and crowned Him with Glory and Ho-  
 nour, Psal. 8. 5. The Self-conceited, Covetous,  
 Wealthy Men of this World, that accumulate a deal  
 of cemented yellow and white Glittering Ore, called  
**Money**; the Love of which is the Root of All Evil,  
 1 Tim. 6. 10. Frequently think themselves the  
 wisest of Mankind; but, at the same time, are the  
 greatest Simpletons. (The Divine Oracles assure us  
 that, "Great men are not always wise," Job 32. 9.)  
**RICHS** frequently cause Men to be Self-conceited  
 Coxcombs, Nincompoops, Silly Triflers, Jobbernowls,  
 Loggerheaded Blockheads, **DEISTICAL**  
**SCRIPTURAL** fools; not to look in a **BIBLE**  
 from **YEARS** end to **YEARS** end, or at  
 least Read it over but cursorily, as School boys does  
 their Lessons. And O! how many of the Rich of this  
 world, that Join House to House, and lay field to  
 field, Isa. 5. 8. as if they were to live Here for Ever.  
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This their way, is Their folly, Psal. 49. 6. to end. O! how Exceeding Stupid will this appear to them, When God Himself shall call such RICH, Fools, Who said to their Souls, take your ease in Barns full of Corn, and Bags full of Money, for the Lord Searcheth the heart, and trieth the reins to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings; to Him who leave His Riches at the midst of His days, and is a fool, Jer. 17. 10. 11. Those who lay up treasure for Themselves, and are not rich towards God, when Their soul is required of Them, which frequently is with little or any Warning, Luke 12. 16. to 22. for God Respecteth not Rich Men more than Poor, in a Moment they Die. Job 34. 19, 20. Therefore how Rational and Wise is the Blessed Jesus's Precaution to Mankind, What Excellent Divine Counsel is it, when He Forewarns us "To take heed, and beware of Covetousness; " for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance " of the things which he possesseth," Luke 12. 15.

Young KING Solomon, as soon as He Came to the Throne of His PIOUS Father, was Sensible that Happiness did not Consist in Riches and Honour; Therefore He Humbly Requested of God, Wisdom and Understanding, which pleased the Almighty so much, that He not only Granted Him his Request, but gave Him Riches and Honour also: His Wisdom caused Him to make all His Subjects H A P P Y.

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They FILIALY feared the King, for They saw that the Wisdom of God was in Him to Do Judgment, 1 Kings 3. 28. And He made Silver and Gold at Jerusalem as plenteous as Stones, 2 Chron. 1. 15. And Judah and Israel were many as the Sand which is by the Sea in Multitude, eating and drinking and making Merry, 1 Kings 4. 20. A very great difference between Those Happy Times and the present: When Silver is so Scarce, that the BANK of ENGLAND will not Change a Guinea of GEORGE III. for Silver, 1770: and Base Metal several Years have passed for Good Copper in London, and in various other parts of this Nation. Poor Women in the Woollen and Linen Manufactory, must work very hard to get six pence per Day, and a Labouring Man ten pence; When Meat and all kind of Provisions are so very Dear, that many Poor families do not know hardly the Taste of Meat from Weeks End to Weeks End. Some of King Solomon's Wisdom (which He Received by Humble fervent Prayer to God) would Cause All Those who were at the Helm of The affairs of GOVERNMENT, to Rectify these Lamentable grievances. It is the Honour of all Kings to Search out a matter, Prov. 25. 2. to Examine Strictly into, and find out the Real Cause of any of Their Subjects Unhappiness: Wisdom would Enable Them to Discover the True Characters of Those They admitted into the Administration of Public affairs, Whether They managed their Own Private Substance for the Honour and

and Glory of God, and the Good of their fellow Subjects, or Not. Wisdom would Prevent Princes being Imposed on by Sycophants, Flatterers, Falacious Silver Tongues, affected Smiling Faces, Designing Grimace, and Selfish Cringing Behaviour. And to put away the wicked from before Them, that Their Throne may be Established in Righteousness, Prov. 25. 5. for when the Righteous are in Authority the People Rejoice: but when the wicked bareth Rule the People Mourn, Prov. 29. 2. He that Ruleth over Man must be Just, Ruling in the fear of God, 2 Sam. 23. 3. That is in the Punctual Observance of all the Moral Law. Whatsoever Ye would that Men should do to You, do Ye even so to them: for this is the Law, and the Prophets, says Christ, to do the same by the Poor, as we would desire ourselves to be done unto by the Rich, in case we were Poor, or in the middle state of Life, Matt. 7. 12. Not to Suffer any Oppression of any nature, kind, or Degree Whatever, it being Contrary to the Divine Mind and Will of God, and Strictly Prohibited by Him, as Recorded, Lev. 25. 14. Jer. 30. 20. Mal. 3. 5. Ezek. 45. 8. Amos 4. 2. Judges 2. 18. Job 20. 19. ch. 35. 9. Psal. 9. 9. Psal. 12. 5. Prov. 28. 16. Ecc. 4. 2. Ecc. 5. 8. Isa. 33. 15. Isa. 1. 17. for the Oppression of the Poor, for the sighing of the Needy, I will relieve, saith the Lord, I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him, Psal. 12. 5.—  
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Let not an **Evil** Speaker be Established in the Earth: evil shall hunt the Violent man to overthrow Him.—I know that the Lord will Maintain the Cause of the afflicted, and the Right of the Poor: P<sup>s</sup>. 140. 11, 12. Therefore it Must be well Pleasing to G O D, and for the Interest both of the KING and COUNTRY,

**T**O Expel every Covetous, Unchristian Placeman, Whether English, Irish, Welch, or Scotchman, That are Inhuman, Hard Hearted, Cruel, Shameful, Who Oppress by Taxation, very Dexterously Artful, Many Poor Distressed large Families of the very Sorrowful; And Not tax Themselves for their **W E A L T H**, Equal. Is a notorious breach of old and **N E W** Testament Laws Sacred; Those will Wofully Answer for it at the Day of Judgment, Naked. Job 35. 9. Psal. 10. 3. 18. Prov. 22. 22. Jer. 30 20. Matt. 7. 12. Great Men Gorgeously Cloath'd, and fare Sumptuous every day; Frequently Despise, if not hate their poor Mortal Brother Clay; Who are as acceptable as Kings and Queens in their Creator's Sight. Royal Bombailiff, Death, makes no Distinction of Worldly Right, Not Even of the Wealthiest Monarch that Live in a Stately Palace, No more than of Darby and Joan who reside in a Thatch'd Cottage.

Job 34. 19, 20. Psal. 49. 10. to 15. Ecc. 9. 5. Heb. 9. 27. Righteousness Does Encourage all Mankind Heartily for to Plead For the Poor, Especially those who are Christians Indeed, Gal. 6. 10. That They may be accommodated Not only with Life's Necessaries But also with Some of Life's Agreeable, Comfortable Conveniences: Princes thus to act would to Innumerable Families Happiness bring, And gratefully Cause them to love sincerely their Country and King. Job 31. 16. to the end. Psal. 140. 12. Isa. 32. 8. 1 Peter 2. 17. For blessed are those who are liberal to Christ's Righteous Poor, The Lord will deliver them in Time of all Trouble, and Fear, Reprobates, Rich or Poor, the Laws ought to be put in Execution, In Order to prevent their Body and Soul from Eternal Destruction: Those



Those who thus consider the Poor, God will prolong their Days,  
 And blefs and keep them from their Enemies and in peace always;  
 And strengthen them upon their Bed of Sicknefs,  
 Comforting and chearing them in worft of Illnefs,  
 And Cause them to lie down in Peace and Safety;  
 And their Guardian Angel awake them Joyfully,  
 And GRATEFULLY Pray to God continually;  
 And to Praise and Rejoice in the Lord for ever alway.  
 Rejoice in the LORD, O Ye RIGHTEOUS, Exceedingly.  
 For PRAISE is COMELY by the UPRIGHT Musically.  
 Wisdom Counfels Princes and People to live harmoniously,  
 And, if poffible, with all Mankind quietly and peaceably;  
 Yet difcountenancing the Poor, that deceive the Wealthy;  
 That they may not render themfelves totally unworthy,  
 Ungrateful, fo as not to Deferve to be Relieved in Want,  
 Though Themfelves and Family's Diffreffes may Prompt.

But to be of Reciprocal Service to each Other,  
 Both for their Happinefs here and Hereafter.

Which was the Defign of their GOOD CREATOR,  
 Their ALL WISE Munificent BENEFACTOR.

Heavenly Wisdom Promotes Happinefs in Young and Old;  
 Which is of Superior Value than either Pure Silver or gold,  
 Or of Jewels and Diamonds, the Coftlieft that are Sold;  
 Sanctified Nature, is of more Value than purified Gold.

Prov. 3. 13, 14, 15. John 17. 17. Acts 20. 32. 1 Cor. 6. 11.  
 In Wisdom's Right Hand is Health and long Life,  
 In Her left Riches and Honour without any Strife.

Her ways are ways of Pleafantnefs,  
 And all Her paths are Peacefulnefs:

She is a Tree of Divine Life that will not Decay,  
 And renders fuch delicious Fruit that never Cloy.  
 The more Mankind partakes of this Caeftial Fruit,  
 Their fpiritual Appetites Increate, and better fuit;  
 The Quinteffence of It is Perfect Happinefs,  
 The full Completion of It is Eternal Bleffednefs.

Prov. 3. Pfal. 19. 10. Pfal. 119. 103. Matt. 25. 46. Luke 4. 4.  
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Wisdom is the only Grand and Principal of all Acquisitions :  
Those who are in Possession of these Heavenly Qualifications,  
Are in Christ Jesus, Who is made Their Wisdom and Sanctification,  
They are cloathed with His Righteousness, the Garment of Salvation.  
Those who are Destitute of This Heavenly Wedding Garment,  
Will be excluded : His Glorious Heavenly Cœlestial Apartment.

Isa. 61. 10. Matt. 22. 12, 13. 1 Cor. 1. 1. 30. 1 Pet. 15. 16.

Those who would obtain Wisdom, it must be in Their Estimation,  
Of Infinite, more real Intrinsic Value than any King's Dominion :  
For knowledge and Understanding they must Earnestly strive after ;  
Seek for it as for Silver, Search for it, as for very deep hid Treasure :  
The fear of the Lord, they will then thoroughly Understand :  
The Knowledge of God will be ever at Their Right Hand.

Real Wisdom is Excellent : the Alone Gift of God the Lord :  
Knowledge and Understanding is obtained from His holy word.

Prov. 2. Psal. 119. 103, 104, 105. Rom. 10. 17. 1 Peter 1. 23.

Sound Wisdom for the Righteous is laid up in great Store,  
And distributed to the meek spirited, whether Rich or Poor :  
Haughty, Self-concoited Persons may be Discovered in Rags ;  
And Proud in Spirit, though without Money in their bags :  
Numbers of Men and Women, by Day, beg their Bread ;  
Who Lie, Swear, and Get drunk before they go to Bed ;  
For many, many Beggars are very very great Deceivers,  
God grant them Repentance in time to become Believers.

Wealthy Christians, in every Village, Town, and CITY,  
Would be Wise, to look themselves for real objects of Charity,  
And Relieve them Suitable to Their Real Wants and Distresses,  
Which might prevent withered arms, or legs, to Cause Miscarriages.

Prov. 2. 7. Psal. 25. 9. Psal. 149. 4. Prov. 23. 21. Prov. 13. 8.  
If few of the Clergy don't visit the poor to Relieve or Reform,  
That is no Reason Lay Gentry, to their Negligence, Conform :  
Laity as well as Clergy, who turn many to Righteousness,  
In Heaven for ever and ever will Shine in Star Brilliantness.

Where uninterrupted Happinness do Always Grow,  
Peace, Comfort, and Joy in Perfection ever flow.

Dan. 12. 3. James 5. 19. 20.



Frequently Meditate on Inevitable & Awful Death.

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